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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

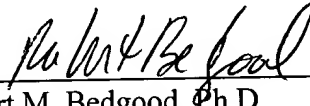
Responsive to the action mailed May 3, 2000, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, consisting of claims 1-3, drawn to a biochip, classified in class 435, subclass 297.2. The election is made without traverse.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due with this response. However, if it is determined that fees are owed, please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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